



# SCRIPTURES READING SAMPLE

## 1

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Mark 1-2; Proverbs 1

*As you read these Scriptures, choose one verse or part that stands out to you. That way, you can focus your reflection just on this section.*

## 2

### WHAT IS THE SCRIPTURE?

“Out in the open wisdom calls aloud, she raises her voice in the public square; on top of the wall she cries out, at the city gate she makes her speech.”

-Proverbs 1:20-21

## 3

### WHAT IS THIS SAYING?

The writer is saying that the wisdom of God is available everywhere and can be heard anywhere. For those who are paying attention, wisdom can be received, and learned, and taken in in any moment. Wisdom is not just something we learn from the Bible, or from professors or leaders—wisdom is pouring out of creation at all times, and can be heard by those who are seeking it out and listening.

## 4

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?

To me, this is a challenge to be present and pay attention at all times. Do we know how to listen to the wisdom of God being spoken through creation? Are we able to learn from the inherent wisdom of nature—from the trees, from the ocean, from all of creation?

There are so many Psalms about God's glory being on display through creation—about these powerful experiences people have of God and God's wisdom in nature. I want to be more awake to God's Spirit speaking when I am outside, more attentive to God's wisdom in creation, to have more of a desire to hear the voice of the creator speaking through creation.

God, help me to wake up to your wisdom that is all around me.